

Whatever else Fairfield's delegation in the general assembly may fail to do, let them not fail to provide some way for the necessary improvements for the court house and the jail.

It is now positively announced that Charleston is to have a union passenger depot. The city by the sea is to be congratulated on securing this long needed improvement, which should be forthcoming as soon as the circumstances will permit.

By a general reduction of the cotton acreage, those who are now holding their cotton and those who plant this year will be enabled to get better prices than at present. There is no possibility of raising the price without decreasing the supply.

Thursday, January 19, is Lee's birthday. All the schools in the South should observe it, not by turning their pupils out for the day, but by having exercises that will be appropriate to the occasion, so as to better acquaint them with the life and the character of the South's great chieftain.

The new county that has been made from parts of Abbeville, Greenwood and Edgefield counties with McCormick as the county seat, is very fortunate in selecting Calhoun as its name. Other prospective new counties should be governed by this example and select names that have some historical significance.

There is a good deal of talk about reducing the cotton acreage. It remains to be seen what will be done in the matter. If the acreage is reduced, those who now have cotton and all who plant cotton will be greatly benefited thereby. If it is not reduced, those who are now holding cotton and those who raise cotton this year will all have to sell it at very low prices.

With the high price of cotton a year ago on account of the shortness of the crop and with the low price of cotton at present on account of the large crop that is being made the farmers have a very striking demonstration that the price of cotton is affected in some measure by the laws of supply and demand. Another long crop means still lower prices. A short crop by decreasing the acreage will mean higher prices.

While pleading for a fireproof vault for making the records of Fairfield county safe against loss by fire, we most heartily endorse the effort that is being made by Secretary of State Gantt to have the historical records of South Carolina properly arranged and protected from loss by fire. These records are invaluable and no expense should be spared to preserve them, for if lost they could not be replaced in any way or at any cost.

The general assembly will find itself face to face with compulsory education. Following the well defined precedent of most of the leading foreign countries of the world and nearly all the States of this Union, the measure would easily pass. There are none who question that there is a very large per cent. of illiteracy among the whites of the State, nor are there any blind to the fact that there are many, many whites of school age in the mills and on the farm, in the town and in the country who are not in school at all or who are in so few months as to make this schooling count for but little. Another fact, that is equally apparent, though either from prejudice or blindness it will not be generally admitted, is that the negroes in proportion to their opportunities are giving more attention to the education of their children than are the whites. These facts argue forcibly for a system that will bring about a better condition of things. Longer terms and better teachers cannot avail if the children are not put to school. If parents fail in putting their children to school, then that same authority that provides the funds for the school should enforce attendance upon it. Yes, there is need for a compulsory education, so compulsory that parents can not get out of having their children at school.

If under a compulsory educational system the negroes should make more progress than, as so many seem to think, the whites, it would be no less to the credit of the former and equally to the discredit of the latter. This keeping the whites ignorant so as to

keep the negro ignorant is very forcibly illustrated by the satisfied condition of the editor in the following story: An editor, before being escorted to the regions of eternal bliss, was given an opportunity by the escorting angel to visit the lower regions. During their stay in this region of the damned and the lost, as the story goes, the two became separated, and when the angel again came upon the editor, he was found sitting in front of a furnace, seven times hot and bearing the inscription, "Delinquent Subscribers." The editor, on being informed by his escort that they would now proceed to the realms of eternal joy and peace, replied, "You may go on; I will stay here: this is heaven enough for me." Verily, there is nothing that contributes so much to making a hell of this earth as illiteracy, the seed-bed of sin and crime.

THE ANDERSON-REOHR COMPANY

Next Lyceum Number Will be Musical Attraction.

All members of the Lyceum will have the opportunity of hearing the above company here on the thirteenth of this month. This company is composed of artists only and each number for this special evening will be rendered by artists. The following is from the Minneapolis Journal:

"Ruth Anderson-Reohr chose numbers that exacted the full measure of a violinist's powers, demanding a versatility in interpretation as well as assured mastery of technique, but the ease with which she conquers all difficulties seemingly made them non-existing, and fully warranted her choice. Her first number (1st movement from 1st concerto, Vieuxtemps) was the severest test of technique, and was given an able and dignified rendering. Saint-Saen's Rondo Capriccioso was perhaps more pleasing, depending upon coloring and interpretation, in which the rendering showed deep thought, with most artistic and finished results."

"Miss Wilma Anderson has an exquisite touch as well as a precision and delicacy of execution which marked her at once as an artist, both in temperament and technique. The full measure of her strength was reserved for the concerto (2nd of Liszt)—she rendered delicately and exquisitely the delicate passages and brilliantly and boldly the bravura portions. Her tone is of beautiful quality and of variety of color. Miss Anderson's art is not narrow, for though she shows a fine poetic sense, she has plenty of fire and spirit, and her reading of Chopin also deserves warm praise for she grasped both the broad and poetic style of the composer. "D'Arlington Reohr has a tenor voice of beautiful quality, which he handles with perfect ease. He displayed much sympathy in the aria 'Lend Me Thine Aid,' from 'Queen of Sheba,' and his dramatic climaxes are immense. He shows unmistakably the genuine artist who is matured in a most gratifying way."

The company will appear in Theban hall next Friday evening, the 13th inst.

Death of Mrs. Bratton.

The many friends of Bishop and Mrs. Theodore D. Bratton were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Bratton, which occurred at their home in Jackson, Miss., Thursday. The Evening News of that city thus tells of the sorrow which has come to Bishop Bratton:

"Shortly after noon today Mrs. Lucy Randolph Bratton, the wife of Bishop Theodore Bratton of the Episcopal church of the diocese of Mississippi, died at Battle Hill, the family residence in the western suburbs of the city, after a short illness with acute arthritis."

"The news of the death of the good woman will come as a shock to the city and to the entire State in which Bishop Bratton has labored so faithfully for the past year."

"Mrs. Bratton was before her marriage to Bishop Bratton, a number of years ago, Miss Lucy Randolph of Virginia, and from one of the leading and aristocratic families in the Old Dominion State. She was 42 years of age and a woman of many rare accomplishments."

"Bishop Bratton and his beloved wife came to Mississippi from North Carolina a year ago last September, and in these brief few months Mrs. Bratton has made, by her loving and gentle manners, many warm friends. She delighted in church work and in all charitable movements which had for their object the easing of suffering or the relieving of want. She was always found to be a willing worker."

"Mrs. Bratton was a very devoted mother and leaves a large family."

The funeral of Mrs. Bratton will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from the chapel and the interment will be made in Cedar Lawn cemetery.—The State.

Change of Schedule.

A change in the schedule on the Southern on the line between Charlotte and Columbia has taken place, having gone into effect Sunday, Jan. 9. The following schedule shows the hour of arrival of the various trains at Winnsboro:

SOUTHBOUND.
No. 27, local, at 8.52 a. m. instead of 8.53 a. m.
No. 34, mail, 10.20 a. m. instead of 10.40 a. m.
No. 29, mail, at 11.51 p. m., as at present.

NORTHBOUND.
No. 30, mail, at 7.23 a. m., as at present with the exception that it will leave Columbia at 6.05 a. m. instead of 6.10 a. m.
No. 28, local, at 4.30 a. m. as at present.

No. 34, mail, at 7.59 p. m. instead of 7.34 p. m. as at present. "Palm Limited" at 10.23 p. m.

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A Professor Who Made Millions in a Year.

Iowa no longer believes that education is merely a pastime of students and a delight to scholars. It has a ten-million-dollar cash evidence that learning is of value, and that a college professor is a first-class investment. When a year ago the State hired a man at five thousand dollars a year to teach the farmers how to raise corn there was a protest from all over the rural sections. What, teach Iowa farmers how to raise corn! Better tell your grandmother how to knit socks or suck eggs. Iowa is the great corn State of the country, and though the yield had been falling off in late years, it was not believed that science could remedy the defects of nature.

Well, they think differently now. This year's crop exceeds that of last year by 125,000,000 bushels, worth at farm prices at the lowest calculation \$30,000,000 and at least ten millions is credited to the professor, who spent all last winter and this spring in showing the farmers what they should do. He got them to save their largest ears for seed and put the families at work in the long winter evenings shelling them. Then he had only the largest and best grains used for planting. He showed how it should be planted, cultivated, manured, and when the harvest came he was justified. So great is the interest in his labors that books and pamphlets by the million have been published and the professor is kept busy traveling from county to county giving lectures and practically demonstrating his views. It is believed that next year the average will be sixty bushels to the acre.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Best Medicine I Have Ever Used.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 10, 1903. Gentlemen: I have suffered a long time from chronic liver complaint, and find that Dr. James' Iron Blood and Liver Tonic gave me more relief than anything I have ever used. I recommend it to all who suffer from constipation.

Yours truly,

J. S. Sheehand.

Formerly Lived in Winnsboro.

Another veteran has answered the last roll call. Mr. S. A. Murphy of this city died yesterday afternoon from an illness of more than a year from paralysis and kidney disease. He was 65 years of age, and had been a resident of Chester for more than 30 years, a native of Union county. He served throughout the war as a valiant soldier of the Fifteenth regiment, Kershaw's division, Army of Northern Virginia. Chester never had a man of kinder heart; his attention to the sick was always prompt and much appreciated. He was a member of the Baptist church.—Chester Cor. The State.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Dr. H. H. H. H.*

Young Mr. Tiffany, of New York, declares that he cannot live on sixteen thousand dollars a year. We would like to get a ten years job as tutor to learn him how to live on it and wear diamonds. How 'bout it, Tiff, old boy?—Wilmington Star.

The Anderson-Reohr Company, which is to be at the Theban Hall Friday evening, promises to be one of the very best attractions that has come under the auspices of the lyceum and they should be greeted by a full house, especially as this is the first number that has been in several weeks.

What's Really Needed.

With one-tenth of the world needing more clothes it is a sin to burn cotton. With hard working farmers needing fair prices for their product it is a sin to depress the prices by speculation. If the world were governed by true economic principles, the folks who need cotton goods would get them and there would be demand for all the cotton grown.—Baleigh News and Observer.

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W. Bose Durham.

The whole South is behind the effort of Congressman Livingston to have the calcium light turned upon the department of agriculture's cotton statistics. The "system" seems to be about the worst ever.—Atlanta Constitution.

We presume that all the scheduled meetings for the discussion of ways and means to exterminate the boll weevil have been adjourned sine die. On the contrary the best method of propagating and cultivating the former enemy of the southern farmer would now seem to be in order. If once the weevil obtained a footing throughout the cotton producing States, just think of the saving in matches.—The State.

Be Quick.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Jno. H. McMaster & Co.

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Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fairfield Cotton Mills will be held in the Winnsboro Bank room, Winnsboro, S. C., on the 12th day of January, 1905, at 11 o'clock A. M.

J. K. ELLIOTT, President.
J. W. CATAWANT, Secretary and Treasurer.

Notice to the Stockholders of The Winnsbors Bank.

Reduction of Capital.

Please take notice that a meeting of the stockholders of The Winnsboro Bank is hereby called to be held in the President's room of the Bank on Thursday, February 2nd, 1905, at 12 M., for the purpose of voting on a proposition to reduce the capital stock of the Bank to \$100,000, and to distribute the excess of capital over this amount at the rate of \$175.00 per share. By order of the Board of Directors. T. K. ELLIOTT, President.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants' Building and Loan Association will be held at the office of J. E. McDonald, Esq., at 4 o'clock, P. M., on Monday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1905, for the purpose of determining whether the said corporation shall go into liquidation and wind up its affairs, or shall continue the business heretofore conducted by it.

J. L. BRYSON, President.
W. G. JORDAN, Secretary and Treasurer.
Winnsboro, S. C., 28th Dec., 1904. 12-28td

For Sale.

All the household goods and furniture belonging to the estate of the late James H. Rion. The sale will be in front of the Court House, at Winnsboro, on Wednesday, January 25, 1905, at 11 o'clock A. M. Terms cash.

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NOTICE OF Democratic Primary.

Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held at the usual places of voting in Fairfield County TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1905, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Auditor to fill vacancy caused by the death of the nominee, John Hollis. The polls will open at 8 A. M. and close at 4 P. M. when the votes will be counted and the result declared.

The following persons have been appointed managers for the said election: Albion—J. E. Stevenson, B. R. Rosborough, Fitz Dove.

Bear Creek—Clifton Duke, Charles Heins, John Cooper, Jr.

Blytheville—John Wooten, Eugene Price, Brooks Boney.

Centerville—W. B. Hogan, Sam Branham, Tom Branham.

Fairfield Cotton Hills—J. W. Horn, J. B. Jones, R. V. Gantt.

Feasterville—M. D. C. Colvin, S. E. Hill, Thos. E. Dye.

Gladden's Grove—John Higgins, Andrew McDonald, J. J. Smith.

Greenbrier—S. B. Rutland, James Richardson, Mack Blair.

Horeb—N. D. Roberts, A. J. Brown, G. G. Steele.

Jenkinsville—C. B. Douglass, Jr., B. H. Yarborough, J. B. Curry.

Jackson Creek—C. K. Turner, J. C. Weldon, J. W. Pope.

Longtown—S. McCormick, J. E. Stewart, A. W. Matheson.

Mitford—R. T. Gladden, A. N. Keistler, Geo. W. Higgins.

Monticello—J. Burley, J. H. Aiken, S. G. McMeekin.

Mossy Dale—G. W. Brooks, T. C. Camak, G. R. Perry.

Oakland—Henry Robertson, Lex Durham, D. H. Robertson.

Ridgeway—E. W. Mellichamp, David Spence, W. R. Rembert.

Salem—Dave Dickey, G. Butler Bolin, D. M. Milling.

Wateree—J. D. Rawls, Will Isenhower, John Gayden.

White Oak—J. J. McDowell, S. R. Patrick, M. Y. Bankhead.

Winnsboro—J. A. Hinnant, S. C. McDowell, Thos. Phillips.

Woodward—Jno. M. McKeown, J. L. Brice, Jr., J. A. McCrorey.

In the event that no one of the candidates receives a majority of the votes cast at said election, a second primary is hereby ordered for January 24, at which the same managers will serve. By order of the Executive Committee. T. S. BRICE, County Chairman.

J. R. CURLEE, 1-11-1t Secretary.

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